Center for Educational Performance and Information

How Schools/Facilities and Districts Were Selected to Receive Graduation and Dropout Rates for the 2004-2005 School Year

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) finalized the rules that formed the basis for identifying the schools/facilities and districts that would receive graduation and dropout rates for 2004-2005 school year. Following are the rules that were used to select those schools/facilities and districts:

Schools/Facilities:

- 1) From the Fall 2004 Single Record Student Database (SRSD) Submission, only those students who met the following criteria were selected:
 - a) Continuing students in the district
 - b) In grades 9, 10, 11, or 12
 - c) Public school students (according to Field 30: Student Residency)
 - d) Not adult participants (according to Field 29: Program Eligibility/Participation).
- 2) Removed any duplicate records matching on district code, building code, and unique identification code (UIC).
- 3) Excluded those special education students who were 21 or older as of December 1, 2004.
- 4) Excluded those general education students who were 20 years old or older as of September 1, 2004.
- 5) Excluded those general education students who were 11 years old or younger as of count day (September 22, 2004).
- 6) Included only those students with total full time equivalency (FTEs) (general education + special education) greater than 0.50.
- 7) Aggregated all the student records in each grade for each school/facility.
- 8) Selected all schools/facilities that had 10 or more student records reported in each of the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades (e.g., each grade had ten or more student records).
- 9) Selected only local education agency (LEA) and public school academy (PSA) districts and their respective schools/facilities that remained opened as of January 2006.

A total of 714 schools/facilities were identified as a result of implementing the above rules. Schools/facilities that received rates for 2003-2004 and were not identified to receive rates in 2004-2005 will not be included.

Districts:

Any district that had one or more schools/facilities identified to receive graduation and dropout rates was also identified to receive district-level graduation and dropout rates.

In addition to the schools/facilities identified to receive rates, 27 ninth-grade schools/facilities were identified for inclusion in the calculation of the district rates as well.

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